

The Navy OGC Summer Law Clerk Experience

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Clerks Impressions:

- "My projects gave me excellent legal experience that will stay with me long after the summer is over."
- "The assignments offered a challenging experience which has helped me to sharpen my analytical and writing skills as well as my oral presentation skills."
- "The diversity of issues offered me experience in numerous areas of practice and increased my skill set."
- "My experience heightened my desire to practice law within the Federal Government."

Clerks visited:

U.S. Supreme Court USNS Gilliland

U.S. Naval Academy Quantico Marine Base U.S. Capitol Building

The Navy OGC Summer Law Clerk Program

The Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel consists of more than 750 attorneys who provide world-class legal support in offices that cover the globe! The only thing broader than the geographical area in which our offices are located is the range of issues we advise clients on. Navy OGC attorney practice includes core areas of acquisition law, fiscal law, litigation, environmental law, real property law, labor and employment law, intellectual property, patent law, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, and construction law. Our Central Office is located in the Pentagon and serves as the base for our summer law clerk program.

Navy OGC attorneys take part in on-campus interviews and resume collections each fall, meeting second year law students who are interested in serving our Nation and our Navy in a fast-paced and engaging paid clerkship. About seven clerks are ultimately offered the opportunity to spend at least ten weeks in the Washington, D.C. area experiencing an introduction to OGC and our Nation's Capital. The 2012 clerks attended law schools in California, Massachusetts, Arizona, Maryland, Florida, North Carolina, and Washington, Each clerk was assigned to a "host" office where they received challenging work assignments. Their summer training included far more than legal research and analysis; it included an introduction to Navy - Marine Corps clients and their missions. The clerks traveled to Baltimore (where they toured the USNS Gilliland), Patuxent River, Maryland (where they witnessed the firescout flying at Webster Field), and Quantico, Virginia (where they experienced what could happen if a humvee rolled over during combat due to IED attacks! Trips closer to home included a trip to the U.S. Supreme Court, a tour of the Capitol, and a ballgame at Nationals Park. Who knew ten weeks could fly by so quickly!

Something for Everyone



Our summer law clerks leave Washington, D.C. with a sense that they learned quite a bit about Navy OGC, our clients, our Nation's Capital, and themselves. They worked on issues that reflected the traditional OGC areas of practice, traveled to and attended meetings with clients, made presentations, drafted motions, and contributed to their offices in ways which very few imagined possible. They navigated the Pentagon, rode the Metro to meetings, and negotiated D.C. to

What Navy OGC seeks:

Law school students with diverse experiences and backgrounds.

Second year students who are in the top third of their class.

Students with rich academic records.

We value the experience that comes from Law Review, Law Journal and Moot Court.

Students with a keen desire to serve our Nation and our Navy-Marine Corps team.

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visit museums and enjoyed a full They visited schedule. Supreme Court, toured the cargo decks and the engine room of a vessel. merchant experienced the Corps' Humvee **Egress** Assistance Trainer, participated in a convoy simulator exercise, and toured the U.S. Academy on induction day.

The clerks agreed that the balance of work, training, and social events kept them

engaged, excited, and entertained. They found their mentors and host offices to be collegial and welcoming, and their assignments to be interesting and challenging. They were inspired by a spirit of selfless public service and proud to be part of an organization that serves so many in a myriad of ways.

Summer Assignments

The clerks were placed in host offices that support unique clients and missions. The clerk assigned to the Navy Litigation Office assisted OGC attorneys working with Department of Justice attorneys on critically important litigation. Others played a role in resolving protests, preparing dispositive motions in employment law litigation, and providing advice on ethics and fiscal issues. Clerks received interesting issues to research and analyze. Clerks showcase their analytical and writing skills by writing legal memorandums for their respective offices during the summer.

Most of the summer law clerks were assigned to offices in the Pentagon and nearby Washington Navy Yard, but one worked at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. The assignments were typical of the summer program. The clerks spend enough time to feel connected to their office, while feeling a sense of pride as a summer law clerk "class" as well.

Navy OGC interviews and reviews resumes from second-year law school students who are in the top-third of their respective classes. We are particularly interested in students who distinguish themselves as members of law review, law journal, or moot court. Summer clerks receive a salary during the summer and based on their performance may receive an offer of employment shortly after they return to school for their final year of study.